Please add the following new claim:

wherein said data code is structured so as to contain the data for instructing manufacturing and handling works to be automated to be able to directly instruct processing and handling works in the processing or handling section. --

**REMARKS** 

Claims 1-4, 9 and 10 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 5-8 and 17, drawn to a non-elected invention in the parent application SN 09/348,266 filed July 7, 1999, are presently active in this application, claim 11 having been added by way of this Preliminary Amendment.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of this amendment is felt to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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